INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT:  Status of Resident Management System (RMS) for USACE Construction Management

1.  Purpose.  To provide information on status of RMS development and implementation to District Commanders.

2. Facts.

   a.  RMS is under development and is designated as the standard USACE automated information system for construction management (CM).

   b.  RMS Version 2.3 was released in November 1996 and now supports the management of both Civil Works (CW) and Military construction contracts by field construction offices (FCO). The added CW functions include the ability to handle various types of financial data, accounting and progress payments;  and ability to perform QA/QC reporting in the CW format.

   c.  Version 2.4 will be released by the end of April.  It will feature improved user-friendliness and an updated Users Guide.

   d.  The last DOS version, 2.5, is planned for release in June.  The main features will be the interfaces with CEFMS and PROMIS, and improvement of various capabilities, e.g., enhanced import-export of contractor data.  The interfaces will permit data exchange for essential CM functions:  progress payments for construction contracts; preparation of modifications; and upward reporting of construction status (former AMPRS) information.

   e.  RMS for Windows:  A test prototype is planned for this September.  The full-scale version is planned for deployment in January 1998.  Chief features will be enhanced user friendliness, full schedule (NAS) analysis capabilities, customized report formatting and enhanced FCO-district data exchange, such as a district-level RMS for Con-Ops managers; also ability to interact with numerous types of commercial software, e.g., spreadsheets, databases, graphics, Windows word processors, etc.

   f.  Deployment and Implementation:  The developmental versions of RMS are being used by over 150 area and resident offices.  Formal deployment will take place after successful testing and approval by the Corps Major Automated Information Systems Review Committee (CMAISRC), planned for June 1997.  After approval, all districts will be required to start use for active construction contracts (for well-advanced contracts, mainly financial data and upward reporting information will need to be entered).  Each district requires a central POC for implementation.  FCOs should plan at least two months' use to gain proficiency.  Training is done on a 'train-the-trainer' basis, with training of district 'core' personnel provided by the RMS

Technical Center of Expertise (TCX); tel:  (619)-380-4386.  Those districts which have not yet done so should appoint POCs and schedule training as soon as possible.

3. This information paper has been approved by BG Phillip Anderson, Director of Military Programs.

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